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11. (C) On April 28, the DCM joined the UK Ambassador, French Ambassador, Italian Ambassador and German CDA for a Quint joint demarche to MFA U/S Khaled Jarallah urging GOK participation in the May 5 WB/IMF membership meeting in support of senior representatives of the UK. UK Ambassador Michael Aron spoke for the group, stressing that obtaining WB/IMF membership for Kosovo was a landmark on the way to the ultimate goal: full international recognition for Kosovo. Jarallah, confirming a position previously conveyed to Ambassador by FM Dr. Mohammad (reftel), stated that Kuwait would both attend and vote in favor of Kosovar membership. He suggested that full recognition remained "a matter of time".

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